

Warner-Robins personnel surged to resupply Israel during Operation Nicklegrass with dozens of C-141s. Providing the Israeli military with critical supplies helped to prevent their defeat in its war with its Arab neighbors.

As we approach the tenth anniversary of September 11, 2001, we must never forget those who paid the ultimate price that day. I can think of no better way to honor their memory than maintaining a world class U.S. Air Force with world class installations like Robins AFB!

Mr. Speaker, please join me to wish Robins AFB many best wishes during this important anniversary year. I remain confident that the men and women of Team Robins will continue their tradition of excellence over the next seventy years.

RECOGNIZING SGT. PETER P. KRUPSKI AND PVT. RUSSELL M. PENNY

**HON. TIMOTHY H. BISHOP**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, June 3, 2011*

Mr. BISHOP of New York. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the lives of two American heroes, Sergeant Peter P. Krupski and Private Russell M. Penny. Sgt. Krupski and Pvt. Penny personified American patriotism and selflessness in making the ultimate sacrifice to protect our freedoms for future generations.

Peter P. Krupski enlisted in the United States Marine Corps in 1941, reaching the rank of Master Technical Sergeant. Sgt. Krupski reenlisted in the Marines in March 1943, earning prominent distinctions such as the American Defense Service Medal, Asiatic-Pacific Campaign Medal, and World War II Victory Medal. In 1943, as the American forces began their offensive through the South Pacific islands occupied by the Japanese, Sgt. Krupski died of wounds sustained during the Battle of Guadalcanal aboard a U.S. Navy mobile hospital. Though just 22 years old when he was killed, Sgt. Krupski has been fondly remembered on the East End of Long Island ever since his passing.

Russell Penny enlisted as a member of the United States Army on January 5, 1940, answering our country's call to service following the advances of the Nazi Third Reich through Europe. Stationed at the U.S. naval base at Pearl Harbor, Pvt. Penny was killed during the surprise attack against the base by the Japanese on December 7, 1941. A lifelong resident of Mattituck, New York, Pvt. Penny holds the tragic distinction as the first casualty of Suffolk County and as one of the first of the over 400,000 Americans killed during World War II.

In honor of the sacrifices made by Sgt. Krupski and Pvt. Penny, a new community room at the Veterans Memorial Park in Mattituck, New York was named in their honor on May 28, 2011. It is my great hope that our community will continue to remember and support our veterans, forever recognizing them for their essential role in defense of our nation.

Mr. Speaker, I commend Sgt. Peter P. Krupski and Pvt. Russell M. Penny for their valor and service, and I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring their memory and sacrifice on the occasion of the dedication of the com-

munity room at the Veterans Memorial Park in my district.

#### PERSONAL EXPLANATION

**HON. MICHAEL K. SIMPSON**

OF IDAHO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, June 3, 2011*

Mr. SIMPSON. Mr. Speaker, on rollcall No. 331, on Motion to Suspend the Rules and Pass H.R. 1383, the Restoring GI Bill Fairness Act of 2011, I was unable to vote.

Had I been present, I would have voted "yea."

STEVEN AND CHANI LAUFER

**HON. ELIOT L. ENGEL**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, June 3, 2011*

Mr. ENGEL. Mr. Speaker, Steven and Chani Laufer came to Riverdale in 2005 and joined the Hebrew Institute of Riverdale the following year after attending a warm and moving Yom Kippur service there. They have been enthusiastic supporters ever since. They love the sincerity of the community, the caring and devotion of the rabbinic team, and the inspirational and progressive vision for the larger community that Rabbi Avi Weiss champions.

Chani grew up in Pittsburgh, and has worked in television, politics, and as a reporter for the Bergen Record and The Philadelphia Enquirer. After earning her law degree, Chani represented children as a law guardian in the Bronx and New York City family courts. She is currently taking care of her family and also serves on the board of Yeshivat Maharat.

Steven grew up in Stony Brook, N.Y., and is pursuing a doctorate in economics at New York University, after teaching high school science for several years. He is a former Tot Shabbat leader and organizes the HIR Purim Texas Hold 'Em Tournament.

Steven and Chani have three children; Shoshana, 5, Ari, 3, and Erez, 4 months. Like their parents, the children are enthused with the Hebrew Institute of Riverdale. They love celebrating holidays at HIR so much that Ari wakes up each morning for weeks afterwards asking "Is it Simchat Torah today? Is it Purim today?"

HIR is honoring this wonderful couple with the Young Leadership Award. I want to join with the HIR in congratulating and thanking this young couple for their good work in the community.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE SMALL BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION REGION III YOUNG ENTREPRENEUR OF THE YEAR, MR. CHRIS SIDICK

**HON. MARK S. CRITZ**

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, June 3, 2011*

Mr. CRITZ. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize an individual who exemplifies a young, ambitious entrepreneur, Chris Sidick, who was

recently honored by the U.S. Small Business Administration.

Mr. Chris Sidick is the sole managing member of C-Side Sports Academy, LLC, located in Washington County, PA. This young entrepreneur began playing minor league baseball after college and was left with no income during the off season. With the encouragement of a fan, Mr. Sidick began training young players when he wasn't playing during the summer. Using his parents' garage and a \$700 investment in a batting cage he started his own training business.

Mr. Sidick soon took his business from a few kids to almost fifty. He had to move the facility out of his parents' garage and rent a space that cost him \$1,000 per month. Realizing that this investment was just the beginning, Mr. Sidick solicited the University of Pittsburgh Small Business Development Center to assist him in developing a business plan and renting a larger space.

Utilizing a credit line, bargaining power, ingenuity, and hard work, Mr. Sidick was able to create a new 13,000 square foot facility to train young athletes. This exceptional space became quickly utilized by many colleges, high schools, and youth teams. While his business practices were extremely successful, Mr. Sidick wanted more for his company. He wanted to offer greater space and services to the young athletes. This is why he reformulated his business plan to get a \$1 million bank loan and build a brand new facility.

Mr. Sidick has been able to transform his initial \$700 investment in his parents' garage into a soon-to-be completed 27,000 square foot facility that will house a full-size baseball infield and a half-dozen batting cages. The building will also offer additional sports such as football, soccer, and laser tag. His accomplishments have landed him the local and regional Young Entrepreneur of the Year award from the Small Business Administration.

It is the keen mind of young people like Mr. Sidick that we can rely on to keep our economy going. He saw a need for a service, and utilized his specific skill set to fill that void. Even in this tough economic time, Mr. Sidick has been able to keep his business thriving. It is the passion for what he does and the energy he puts in his business that makes it successful.

Mr. Speaker, I would once again like to honor Mr. Sidick—a true young entrepreneur and small business owner who has pursued an idea that helps so many of our young people.

HONORING MR. RICHARD GILFORD

**HON. STEPHEN LEE FINCHER**

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, June 3, 2011*

Mr. FINCHER. Mr. Speaker, it is my privilege to rise today in memory of Mr. Richard Gilford who was killed tragically while serving his community in the aftermath of the 2011 spring storms and flooding that impacted west Tennessee.

Since 1991 Richard worked for the Crockett County, Tennessee Highway Department. On May 4th, while clearing debris from rain swollen roads, Richard along with his father, Butch, and brother, Frank were trying to cut a